(vi) Indian promoters should be able to access low-cost funds abroad for investment in equity.

(vii) Restructuring including mergers and acquisitions and legal processes should be made easier and speedier, and set of the carried over losses in a merger under-section 72(a) of Income-Tax Act should be made automation.

(viii) High-cost in terms of stamp duty and capital gains tax be brought down.

(f) The suggestions made by the Group and other associations and individuals are examined by the concerned Ministries/ Departments of the Government and are kept in view while formulating Government's economic policy.

Preferential Shares of Financial Institutions

1486. SHRI CHIMAN BHAI MEHTA:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

SHRI G. G. SWELL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reject the demand put forward by "Bombay Group" that Financial Insitutions should offer their shares to promoters instead offering them in market;

(b) whether Government propose to instruct companies to offer preferential shares to the promoters at par with other share holders;

(c) whether it is a fact that on mismanagement of companies by promoters FIs and share holders will have a right to change management; and

(d) whether on defaulting dues to the bankers, they would be permitted to convert their loans as equities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Racket Involving Import of Chinese Dyes

1487. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Directorate of revenue Intelligence unearthed any racket involving import of Chinese dyes recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any arrest has been made if so, details thereof;

(d) whether any detailed investigation has been conducted, if so, details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details are in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) No.

(d) Cases at S. No. 3 in the Statement (*See* below) are under adjudication after detailed investigation and issue of show cause notices. Detailed investigations are being conducted in the remaining cases.

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.